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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Attention: [REDACTED]

Committee on International Communism

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1. It is requested that the following research projects be carried out in order to assist our field operations.

2. Estimated Budget of the Communist Party of Italy. With particular reference to [REDACTED] which quoted the Soviet subsidy to PCI as 35-40 million lira per month, an estimated budget of PCI would provide a useful operational check. It is suggested that both income and expenditures of PCI be estimated on the basis of overt and classified information available to CIA and other government agencies. Consideration should be given to income derived from, e.g., membership fees, sales of literature, Party controlled business firms, possible kickbacks gained from East-West trade. Expenses to be considered are the cost of the administrative apparatus, salaries, maintenance of buildings and property, campaign costs, travel expenses, printing establishments, etc. It should be noted that, in order to be inclusive, the estimated budget of PCI should also contain an estimate of the budget of PCI controlled auxiliary and front organizations.

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3. Organizational Changes in Communist Parties of Western Europe since January 1948. We are particularly interested in developments such as the following:

- a) Creation of new sections in the administrative apparatus, the abandonment of others, and the transfer of functions from one office to another.
- b) Creation of new levels in the Party territorial hierarchy; de-emphasis or dereliction of old levels; consolidation of organizations at the same level.
- c) Creation of bureaus or other small directing bodies in regular Party committees.
- d) Increased emphasis on the activities of Party investigative, and organizational -- personnel -- control organs.

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- e) Extent of and reasons for purges of important Party functionaries.
- f) Transfers of key personnel from Party duties to front and auxiliary duties.
- g) Changes in membership requirements.
- h) Ten Man Group System.

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4. Analysis of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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- a) [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED] "Views on the Likelihood and Effects of a French Withdrawal from Indochina" should be analysed in detail.

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- b) [REDACTED] entitled "Communist Front Organizations in the Far East" should be compared with all available information. Contradictory information should be appended as well as data on personnel, policies and organizations not included in the reference document.

5. It will be appreciated if the requested papers could be submitted within six weeks.

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